

Chesterfield County Public Library Newsletter



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748-4955

Bon Air Library
9103 Rattlesnake Road
Richmond 320-2461

Central Library
9501 Lori Road
Chesterfield 748-1774

Chester Library
11800 Centre St.
Chester 748-6314

Clover Hill Library
6701 Deer Run Drive
Midlothian 739-7335

Enon Library
1801 Enon Church Road
Chester 530-3403

Etrick-Matoaca Library
4501 River Road
Petersburg 526-8087

LaPrade Library
9000 Hull Street Road
Richmond 276-7755

Law Library
9500 Courthouse Road
Chesterfield 751-4986

Meadowdale Library
4301 Meadowdale Blvd.
Richmond 743-4842

Midlothian Library
521 Coalfield Road
Midlothian 794-7907

Outreach Services
748-1768

Library Administration
748-1601

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Summer Reading for Everyone

Once Upon a Time: Children's Summer Reading Program

Once upon a time, the librarians in Chesterfield County were little children, and they all lived in great big castles with dragons and toads, puppets and parrots, princesses and monsters, and chests full of treasure. Then the little librarians grew up and had children of their own and houses with no room for dragons. They didn't know what to do. One day, they all got together and thought very, very hard 'til they had an idea that was very, very smart. They agreed and now they've decreed: We'll bring our friends to the library and share them with you! So sign up for the Children's Summer Reading Program and meet Beauty and the Beast, Betsy Q, Birdman Dave, and lots of animals from the farm and the forest! Dig into the treasure chest for prizes. Win books! There will be games, stories and songs all summer long. And the more you read, the more you can feed a homeless dog or cat at the Chesterfield County Animal Shelter. See the poster inside for all of our summer programs just for children, and look on the back page for our summer story-time schedule.



Xtreme: Teen Summer Reading Program

Summer is an extreme season. It can be extremely hot, extremely long and extremely boring – or not. Join Xtreme, the Teen Summer Reading Program, to become an Xtreme reader and make your summer extremely cool, extremely funny and extremely interesting. Check out our summer programs just for teens, including ComedySportz Improv Theatre, True Crime: Inside the Chesterfield County Forensics Unit and Spine Crackers Teen Book Group. Win free books, and collect trading cards. Details are inside.



Adult Summer Reading Program

Ah, summer. Who doesn't dream all year of idling away those long sunny days in miles of traffic on the road to the beach, racing the wind to mow the lawn before a storm and playing delightful games like Who Cleans the Grill? If summer is not your idea of a walk on the beach, join the Adult Summer Reading Program and dream up your escape with runaway best-sellers and world-famous classics. Pick up some nonfiction, and learn about something you really want to do this summer. Enter weekly drawings for free books. Check out our summer Get in the Know programs on the insert.



Readers' Advisory Service

If you've read every book by your favorite authors and feel like there's just nothing new to read, ask our staff about the Readers' Advisory service. We can suggest other authors who write the kinds of books you enjoy.

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Betsy Q in Concert

Betsy Q shares old favorites and new songs with us as she takes us to the land of “Once Upon a Time.” Tapes and compact discs will be on sale after each show. Children of all ages will enjoy her 45-minute performance.

Thursday	June 29	10:30 a.m.	Bon Air Library
Thursday	June 29	noon	Bon Air Library
Tuesday	July 18	11 a.m.	Ettrick-Matoaca Library
Wednesday	July 19	10:30 a.m.	Midlothian Library
Wednesday	July 19	noon	Midlothian Library
Thursday	July 20	10:30 a.m.	Clover Hill Library
Thursday	July 20	noon	Clover Hill Library
Friday	July 21	10:30 a.m.	Chester Library
Friday	July 21	noon	Chester Library
Saturday	July 22	11 a.m.	Enon Library
Tuesday	July 25	2 p.m.	Meadowdale Library
Wednesday	July 26	10:30 a.m.	Central Library
Wednesday	July 26	noon	Central Library
Thursday	July 27	11 a.m.	LaPrade Library



Beauty and the Beast
Featuring Stevens Puppets

Charming, authentic marionettes are the stars of this touching and humorous play. Stevens Puppets have been called a national treasure. Their artistic staging and clever effects bring this famous fairy tale to life. The 45-minute performance is appropriate for good listeners aged 2 and older.

Monday	July 10	10:30 a.m.	Clover Hill Library
Monday	July 10	noon	Clover Hill Library
Monday	July 10	3 p.m.	LaPrade Library
Tuesday	July 11	10:30 a.m.	Midlothian Library
Tuesday	July 11	noon	Midlothian Library
Tuesday	July 11	3 p.m.	Chester Library
Tuesday	July 11	6 p.m.	Chester Library
Wednesday	July 12	10:30 a.m.	Central Library
Wednesday	July 12	2 p.m.	Ettrick-Matoaca Library
Thursday	July 13	11 a.m.	Meadowdale Library
Thursday	July 13	4 p.m.	Enon Library
Friday	July 14	10:30 a.m.	Bon Air Library
Friday	July 14	noon	Bon Air Library

Birdman Dave

Smile, laugh and marvel as Birdman Dave and his team of exotic birds take you on a flight of fantasy. Parrots, macaws, owls and others will do tricks, show off and fly right over your head while Dave provides stories, jokes and music. This 45 minutes of fun is appropriate for good listeners aged 2 and older.



Wednesday	Aug. 9	10:30 a.m.	Central Library
Wednesday	Aug. 9	1 p.m.	Enon Library
Wednesday	Aug. 9	4 p.m.	Ettrick-Matoaca Library
Thursday	Aug. 10	10:30 a.m.	Midlothian Library
Thursday	Aug. 10	noon	Midlothian Library
Thursday	Aug. 10	3 p.m.	Clover Hill Library
Thursday	Aug. 10	5 p.m.	Clover Hill Library
Monday	Aug. 14	10:30 a.m.	LaPrade Library
Monday	Aug. 14	noon	LaPrade Library
Monday	Aug. 14	3 p.m.	Chester Library
Monday	Aug. 14	5 p.m.	Chester Library
Tuesday	Aug. 15	10:30 a.m.	Bon Air Library
Tuesday	Aug. 15	noon	Bon Air Library
Tuesday	Aug. 15	7 p.m.	Meadowdale Library



Nationally Acclaimed Storyteller
Donald Davis Kicks Off Summer Fun

Donald Davis is considered by many to be the father of family tales. He has been featured at the World’s Fair, Smithsonian Institution and the National Storytelling Festival, and has been a guest host on National Public Radio’s “Good Evening.” The entire family will enjoy this one-hour program.

Monday	May 22	7 p.m.	Central Library
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Treasure Chests at All Libraries!

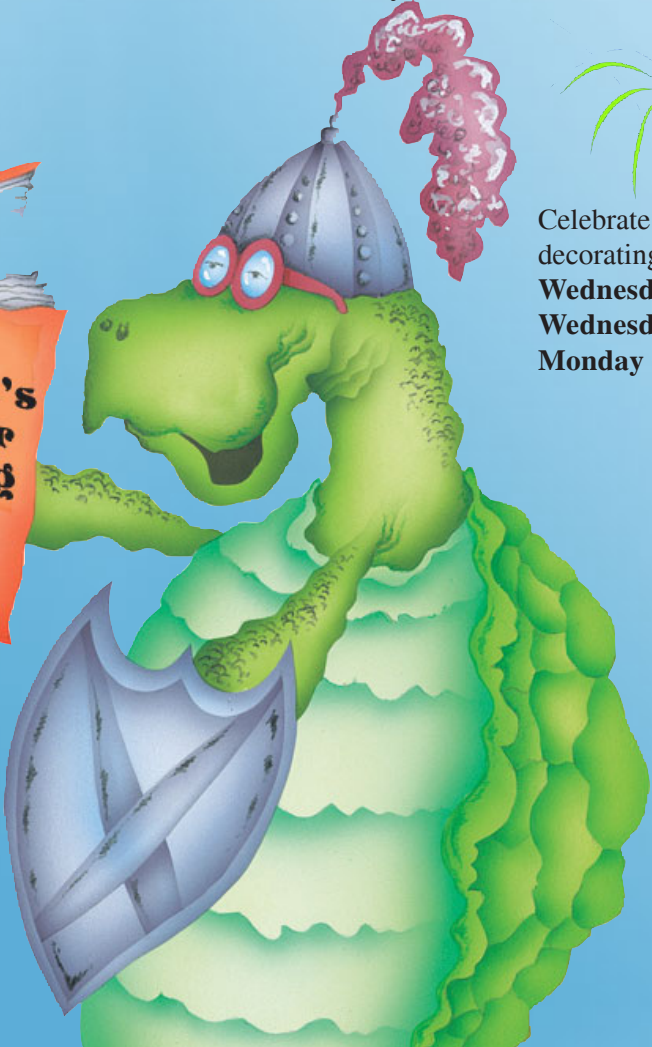
Pick up a treasure chest pass at any library. Check out books at *any* county library on three different days to earn three stamps. This unlocks the Summer Treasure Chest at any library. Dip in to choose your treasure, then pick up your next treasure chest pass to begin again. When you complete the Summer Reading Program, bring your log to any library for another visit to the treasure chest!

Co-sponsored by the Friends of the Chesterfield County Public Library and The Library of Virginia
Endorsed by Chesterfield County Public Schools

Once Upon a Time

Registration is required for all programs on this page. Please register beginning two weeks prior to the Summer Reading Program event you wish to attend by signing up on the library Web site or by calling any library.

Performers realize that we all have bad days, so don’t hesitate to leave if a child is not interested in the program on a particular day.



Fourth of July Celebration

Celebrate America’s birthday with stories, songs, crafts, games, cookie decorating and refreshments. The entire family is invited to join in the fun.

Wednesday	June 28	11 a.m.-1 p.m.	Enon Library
Wednesday	June 28	11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.	Ettrick-Matoaca Library
Monday	July 3	10 a.m.-noon	Chester Library

Virginia State
University Farm Tour

Dr. Brian Nerrie of Extension Services at Virginia State University will conduct your tour. You will have a chance to hold fish, pet goats, tour a greenhouse and visit several ponds. The group will assemble in the library parking lot at 9 a.m. Children of all ages are invited to go on this 45-minute tour.

Friday	June 23	9:15 a.m.	Ettrick-Matoaca Library
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Reptiles and Amphibians of Virginia

Learn about the variety and natural history of Virginia’s reptiles. Barry Fox of Virginia State University’s Extension Services will introduce you to live animals. This one-hour program is recommended for children aged 6-13.

Thursday	July 13	2:30 p.m.	Ettrick-Matoaca Library
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X TREME Teen Summer Reading

Recommended for middle-and high-school students
Registration is required for all programs. Please register online or by phone.

ComedySportz Improv Theatre

ComedySportz Improv Theatre, Richmond's longest-running improv troupe, will perform its competitive, interactive comedy. Three members of the troupe, assisted by audience volunteers, will play for points and laughs as they improvise scenes, songs and games based on suggestions from the audience. It's 45 minutes of fast-paced, hilarious, interactive fun.



Tuesday	June 27	3 p.m.	Clover Hill Library
Wednesday	June 28	7 p.m.	LaPrade Library
Thursday	June 29	3 p.m.	Central Library
Tuesday	July 11	3 p.m.	Midlothian Library
Wednesday	July 12	3 p.m.	Bon Air Library
Monday	July 17	7 p.m.	Chester Library
Tuesday	July 18	7 p.m.	Meadowdale Library
Tuesday	July 25	7 p.m.	Ettrick-Matoaca Library
Thursday	July 27	3 p.m.	Enon Library

Spine Crackers Book Discussion Group

Check out these adventure novels, then come share your opinions while enjoying refreshments in fun one-hour discussion sessions.

Into the Wild is the story of four clans of wild cats that have shared the forest for generations. Now, the code laid down by their ancestors is breaking down. An ordinary house cat may prove to be the hero in this first book in Erin Hunter's Warriors series.

Thursday June 29 2:30 p.m. Midlothian Library

Goose Chase by Patrice Kindl features a beautiful, spirited girl named Alexandria who is held captive in a tower while a prince and a cruel king vie for her hand in marriage. With the help of her 12 beloved geese, she escapes from the tower into strange lands, perilous situations and romance.

Thursday July 13 2:30 p.m. Midlothian Library

True Crime

Love "CSI?" Come meet Chesterfield County's own Forensics Unit and find out what a crime scene investigator really does. Learn about fingerprints, DNA evidence, facial reconstruction, composites and blood spatter, how forensics is used to reconstruct a crime scene, how a crime scene is documented and what happens at the state lab and morgue. See alternate light sources used to detect fibers and body



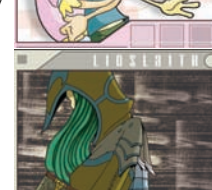
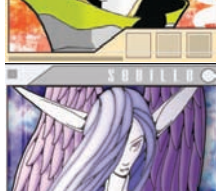
fluids. Examine casts of toolmarks, footwear and tire treads from actual cases. Get an insider's look at the history of the unit. Please be aware that major crimes may take precedence over

this one-hour program, and a forensic technician could be summoned to a major case at a moment's notice.

Friday	June 30	2 p.m.	Bon Air Library
Friday	July 14	2 p.m.	Ettrick-Matoaca Library
Thursday	July 20	2:30 p.m.	Midlothian Library
Thursday	July 27	3 p.m.	Clover Hill Library
Tuesday	Aug. 1	4 p.m.	Chester Library
Thursday	Aug. 10	3 p.m.	Central Library

Become an Xtreme Reader

Pick up a reading log and receive Guardians of the Xtreme bookmarks and a Guardians of the Xtreme trading card of your choice. For each book you read, you can register for the weekly book drawings and select a card. Collect all 16. After either reading 10 books or reading for 10 hours, show your completed reading log at any county library and help feed a homeless animal at the Chesterfield County Animal Shelter, courtesy of Southern States. You also will receive a Padow's meal coupon and a special Guardian of Youth Teen Hero card. Attend any teen program to collect a special Guardians of the Xtreme card.



Summer Reading Club and Programs for Adults

Join the Adult Summer Reading Club

Fill your summer – and maybe even your shelves – with good books. Pick up hot best-sellers, revisit old favorites, explore new genres and authors, or discover the classics at long last. Enter weekly drawings to win free books. Fill out an entry form for every book you read. Two names will be drawn at each branch each week from June 24 through Aug. 26.



Summer also is a great time to learn new skills like gardening, grilling or golfing, and to expand your knowledge of the world through history, art, culture and science. Our nonfiction collection will broaden your horizons this summer and all year long.

Make reading a social event. Share your opinions about popular books with others by joining a library book group. There are groups at every branch. With groups that meet in the morning, at lunch time or in the evening, you're sure to find one to suit your schedule. Visit the library's Web site or call for information on schedules and book selections.

Get in the Know

Our Get in the Know series of programs for adults is a fun way to learn about fascinating subjects in a social setting. The programs are sponsored by the Friends of the Chesterfield County Public Library and the Chesterfield County Parks and Recreation Department. Refreshments will be served. All programs are 10:30 a.m.-noon.



Container Gardening

Join Master Gardener Lillian Umphlett as she teaches you to grow plants in various types of containers.

Thursday	May 4	LaPrade Library
Tuesday	May 16	Chester Library
Wednesday	June 14	Midlothian Library



Virginia Taverns, Ordinaries and Coffeehouses

Dr. Agnes Gish has spent more than 20 years researching taverns, ordinaries and coffeehouses in Virginia. Come hear brief vignettes on these public and private houses of entertainment.

Wednesday May 10
Midlothian Library

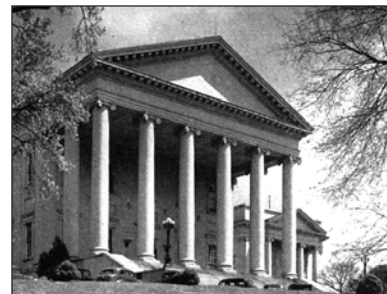
Pamplin Historical Park and the National Museum of the Civil War Soldier

Featured on the History Channel as one of Virginia's Best Places to Visit, Pamplin Historical Park is the perfect combination of high-tech museum and hands-on experiences. Its 422-acre campus features four world-class museums, three antebellum homes and costumed living-history demonstrations. Learn about this national treasure located near Petersburg from Allan Altholz, director of marketing and membership services at the park.

Thursday June 1 LaPrade Library



Courtesy of Pamplin Historical Park



Virginia's Classical Capitol: Past, Present and Future

Learn about the great people and events associated with Virginia's irreplaceable 1788 capitol and the challenge of renewing this treasured building.

Tuesday June 20 Chester Library

Read to Feed

Complete the Summer Reading Club and help feed us or one of our friends!



After either reading or listening to 10 books OR reading for 10 hours, show your completed reading log at any county library and a homeless dog or cat at the Chesterfield County Animal Shelter will be fed a meal in your honor. Thanks to Southern States for making this program possible for a ninth year.



Padow's Salutes Summer Readers and Listeners



Earn a Kid Meal from Padow's by reaching your reading or listening goal. Show your reading log to your librarian. One coupon per reader please.

Family Summer Story Times

Family story times are designed for all interested children and last 30-45 minutes. They begin the week of June 26 and end the week of July 31. There will be no story times on Tuesday, July 4. Day-care providers are invited to schedule visits.

Bon Air Library

June 27-Aug. 2

Tuesdays 11 a.m.

Wednesdays 11 a.m.

Central Library

June 29-Aug. 3

Thursdays 11 a.m.

Chester Library

June 28-Aug. 3

Wednesdays 11 a.m.

Thursdays 11 a.m.

July 25 and Aug. 1

Bedtime story times

(Children, wear your pajamas.)

Tuesdays 7 p.m.

Clover Hill Library

June 27-Aug. 2

Tuesday 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday 10:30 a.m.

(no story time on July 5)

Enon Library

June 28-Aug. 2

Wednesdays 11 a.m.

Ettrick-Matoaca Library

June 28-Aug. 2

Wednesdays 11 a.m.

LaPrade Library

June 28-Aug. 2

Wednesdays 10:30 a.m.

Meadowdale Library

June 29-Aug. 3

Thursdays 11 a.m.

(no story time on July 13)

Midlothian Library

June 26-Aug. 3

Mondays 10:30 a.m.

Mondays 11:30 a.m.

Wednesdays 7 p.m.

Thursdays 1:30 p.m.



If you or your child have a special need that may affect your participation in a program, please contact the library at least five days in advance so we may better serve you.

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